# FOR LITTLE FOLK JUST BEFORE BEDTIME

# The Sandman's Stories

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O you remember the Christmas that Santa Claus was very late? You may not have known the reason for this, so I will tail you. He really started out very early that year, so that all might have their presents on Christmas Day. The first plece he stopped was on the roof of a large house, and, taking a big pack from his selight, disappeared down the chimney. But no sooner was he out of sight than the queerest little creatures appeared. They came from behind the biling and jumped to the roof from under the caves, and out if the water spout. They had on green jackets and rell hoods drawn tightly are with red lengths; they were the soblins in winter dress.

They looked through the bags in Banta's sleigh, and one said: "Not a fling for us."

"There wasn't last year, or the year before that," said another. It was all one said: "Not a fling for us."

"They wasn't last year, or the year before that," said another. They could not be roof the reindeer. "Let us take his sleigh and help ourselves."

They scrambled into the sleigh, on the backs of the reindeer, and into their horse, and with their pointed shoes they poke them, and off they went like the backs of the reindeer, and into their horse, and with their pointed shoes they poke them, and off they went like the backs of the reindeer, and into their horse, and with their pointed shoes they poke them, and off they went like the backs of the reindeer, and into their horse, and with their pointed shoes they poke them, and off they went like the backs of the reindeer, and into their horse, and all sorts of toys.

When they came to the organism the summer of the things that you help to make people happy, and here you are doing the very hing that will make thousand then one said: "It think the fairy is they went like the bouse where the goblins held their meetings.

The goblins jumped to the ground and candy they called out, "Hert are the goblins who were in the house heard a loud noise, and when they went to the door a train of toy and the point of

# ICURIOUS MARRIAGE CUSTOMS PREVAIL IN FOREIGN LANDS

### In Southern Asia Girls Are Grades of the Product Found Sometimes Wedded to

Trees.

In certain provinces of India it is corsidered unlucky for a woman to be a wife. When, therefore, a merchant of Badson, in the United provproposed for the hand of a young wives, proposed for the hand of a young pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, girl, he was persuaded by the latter's parents to first espouse a dolt as his third wife, so that inisfortune should not fall upon their daughter's head. This he accordingly did, and, having interred his inanimate spouse with much pomp, became for the fourth time a husband by marrying the woman of his cheden.

husband by marrying the woman of his choice.

In parts of southern Asia a younger daughter is not permitted to wed until her elder sister hus procured for berself a husband. This difficulty, however, can be overcome by the senior withing.

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daughter is not permitted to wed until her elder sister has procured for herself a husband. This difficulty, however, can be overcome by the senior uniting herself in marriage to some tree or plant. Generally, and especially where European influence prevails, these bizarre unions do not entail much inconvenience upon the bride, who can, if she will, soon become a widow, and as such eligible for another and more normal union, by consigning her first husband to the fire.

On the other hand, such marriages are, in regions more remote, where civilization, as we know it, has not penetrated, considered serious affairs, and as such not to be lightly dissolved. Infidelity has before now been punished with death, and in the mountainous districts around Delhi, wives who have been untrue to their selected husbands, such as caks, fig or other trees, have been burned alive. At Nepaul, too, drastic punishment has in more than one instance been meted out to the faithless bride, whose fate has been solitary and subterranean confinement in chains for several weeks.

The husband usually selected appears to be the honeysuckle, and such women as are true to the plant are held in the highest honor. Every spring when the fragrant honeysuckle first puts forth its socials a great feast, accompanied by solemn religious ceremonial, is held. At this the wives of the flower take high place and are treated with the most profound respect, while their constancy is held up as an example to be followed by all the voung women of the district. An equally singular and very grewsome matrimonial custom also prevails in China, in the marriage of the dead. A year or so back a missionary was summoned to read the burial service ever a dead man. He might, had be evered, have also assisted at a wedding, for no sooner had he retired than a tree for the deceased, in the corpse of a young girl, was brought upon the scene, and solemnly united to the dead body, with which it was afterward intered. Such marriages arranged that the departed spirit may not uncom

# Hay for a Juror.

"Once upon a time" C. M. Thurnauer served upon a murder jury. For hours and hours the body deliberated—eleven agreed upon a verdict, but the twelfth obdurately refusing to change his position. Finally, a court officer rapped at the door and inquired as to the prospects of agreement.

"None in sight," responded the thoroughly disgusted C. M.

"Perhaps I had better bring in twelve suppers, then," suggested the officer.

"No," said Thurnauer, glaring viciousity at the unpersuadable member, "bring eleven suppers and one feed of hay."—

Exchange. served upon a murder jury. For hours

### Success At Sea.

A youthful Canadian, who is possessed of the romantic idea of "going to sea." is meeting with much parental opposi-

"The sallor never amounts to any-thing, my boy," urged his prosale father. "He works hard, has few holl-days, and never achieves great suc-"That's where you're mistaken," excisimed young Canada, triumphantly.
"Look at King George! He started out as a sallor, and now he's got to be the head of the empire."—Kingston Whip.

### Pertinent Question.

There are great men who cannot spell, and small people who object to them. "Spell 'cat,' " said the teacher to the boy at the tall end of the class. "K-a-t," replied the boy. "Silly." replied the teacher. "Can't you spell cat?" "Well," replied the sensible boy. "what does to be a spell?"—London Chronicle.

# BASIC PRINCIPLE

in Eleven States of the Union.

OF TALCUM POWDER

Talcum powder is made from the soap stone, some grades of which are produced in eleven States-California, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New inces, who had previously buried two Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont,

### Wrinkles and Lines of Age From Strong Light

Strong sunlight causes wrinkles a fact many women have learned too late to their sorrow. Once thoroughly established, these tell-tale furrows, the unmistakable imprint of the finger of time, are very difficult to eradicate, requiring constant effort, even great physical dis-comfort, to erase entirely. One of the best ways to prevent injury One of the best ways to prevent injury to the eye as well as a premature mask of age is the wearing of a hat that will shade the eye. Persons whose work compels them to be much out of doors should select a hat with a broad or drooping brim.

Women have the added protection of a paragol a bit of femiline trippers.

women have the added protection of a parasol, a bit of feminine trippery that has its mission of service, as well as beauty. Lacking this recourse, men should select soft hats that turn down over the eyes, wide-brimmed sallors or panamas, for a prematurely furrowed face no more becomes a man than it does a woman.

In extreme cases use glasses with slightly darkened lenses and observe what a rest they will confer upon the tired, sun-strained eyes.—Exchange.

### Tough.

They were seeking to impress the stranger.

"If you really wish to get an idea of the toughness of New York toughs," announced one, "you should by all means taend the annual ball given by the Gorilla Club. It is absolutely the toughest stunt that is pulled anywhere. If you don't get action there for your money you won't get it anywhere."

"Do you mean that fights are common at that ball?" inquired the man-to-be-impressed. "And I to understand that shootings—?"
He got no further. One of the others leaned forward, solennly took hold of his sleeve, and remarked:

"Fights? Shootings? Why, every single person that starts to go into the Gorilla Club ball is stopped outside and searched for concealed weapons, and, if he hasn't any—they give him some!"—New York Times. "If you really wish to get an idea of

### As They Spoke It.

A French woman, proud of her limited knowledge of English, and an American woman proud of her limited knowledge of French, were introduced at an evening party. The French woman insisted on expressing herself in bad English and the American woman would talk rothing but bad French.

When the guests began to depart they when the guests began to depart they at the were still at it. At last they rose to go. i the Here is their watery farewell:

"Reservoir," said the fair American.
"Tanks," responded her new friend,—

# Miss Laura Merriam Will Entertain At Two Large Dinners in January

# Events Will Precede Bach. Mr. and Mrs. Reid elors' Germans-Miss Taft to Be Guest.

Miss Laura Merriam will entertain a dinner Wednesday, January 3 and 17, American Ambassador to before the bachelors' germans, the first and second of which are scheduled for Wednesday evening. Ja

these dates.
Miss Helen Taft will be the guest of nonor at the dinner on January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Noyes are entertaining at a dance for young peo-ple tonight at Rauscher's in honor of debutante daughter, Miss Elisabeth Noyes. It will be a domino party.

Miss Jean Oliver, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Oliver, is entertaining a small company informally at dinner tonight.

In Hostess At Dance.

Mrs. Reyburn was hostess at an in-

# Sister Briggs' Wit On Brevity Measure

If brevity is the soul of wit, one of the wittlest speeches on record was vacation," remarked a woman whose made by a woman. Mrs. Briggs lived in summer itinerary had taken her to sevthe northern part of Indiana, a long eral cities, "I made only one mistake. distance from any village, Hearing that My chief concern was to guard against

down State the other day," says a traveling man. "Was in a hurry to send a message myself, but this fellow was leaning against the receiver's window as if he was camped there for the night. He muttered a lot of fool stuff to the man behind the screen, but I couldn't hear what it was. Finally I got impatient and shoved my message over his shoulder. At the same time I saw the scrawl this souse was endeavoring to get on the wire. It was addressed to somebody in New Orleans.

"He fished in his pocket, produced 63 cents in small change, and started away. 'Hold on,' the clerk said, 'this isn't enough. It will cost you \$1.40 to send this to New Orleans.

"A right, ol' man,' waved the inebriate, angerly, 'that's all I got with me right now. Just send R as far as you can fr th' money-"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Too Big for Dawdling.

Artists are not cast in the same mold my more than grocers or doctors. Nevertheless, many people are aston-ished if an artist is not small, delicate of feature, and decorated with a flowother day a lady wished to com-

mission an artist to paint her portrait.

The canvas-soiler in question is six feet of brawn and muscle, with a red beard, broad shoulders and flery eve.

"Is the artict in?" said the lady, entering the studio and addressing a small boy she met there. tering the studio and addressing a small boy she met there.

"That's him standing over there," re-plied the menial

The lady looked long and searchingly at the knight of the palette.

"Why, he's big enough to work, isn't he?" she queried.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

# Dote and Table d'Hote.

Father Bernard Vaughn, missionary and author—his "Sins of Society" took London by storm—gave some advice to young men in a humorous address on the Minnetonka.

"Popularity—popularity among the ladies is a great help to any young man," said Father Vaughan, "and there is nothing like generosity to make a young man popular. man popular.
"I heard a New York lady praising a Philadelphia young man the other even-"'He is so generous,' she said. 'He takes mother and me out to dinner nearly every week. We dote on him.'
"Then she smiled and added:
"'In fact, we table d'hote on him.'"—
New York Telegraph.

### Great Fish Eaters.

In the intestines of mummies of 2,000 to 4,000 B. C. have been found vegetable fibers, grain, bones and scales of fish, and bones and teeth of rodents. Severai Nile fishes were identified. One woman had esten twenty different kinds of fish just before her death, and a child had taken a dose of mice, an old remedy for children's diseases.

# To Be Honor Guests

Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond will be hosts at a large reception at their residence on Sheridan circle, Friday evening, January 12, in honor of the American Ambassador to Great Britain Wednesday evening, January 3, they are giving a dinner in honor of the Am-

bassador of Russia and Mme. Bakhme-Christmas day was celebrated at Fort Myer yesterday by an informal reception at the Officers' Club and an egg-

ing officer, Col. Joseph Garrard and Miss Mildred Bacon entertained a small party informally at tea yesterday afternoon at her residence, in Connecti-

nog party at the home of the command-

Mr. and Mrs. James Marion Johnston

The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador, Baron Chinda, will arrive in gomery, entertained a porty of young Washington early next month.

Miss Leits Montgomery, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, entertained a porty of young people at luncheon today.

### Made Mistake in Her Planning for Vacation

"In planning the financial end of my York is practically all ground.

Most of the ground tale is used in the manufacture of paper, says Health Culting and paints. It finds application also in the manufacture of molded rubber forms and as foundry facings and paints. It readily absorbs grease and is used to remove spots from silk and to bleach cotton goods.

On account of its slipperiness it is widely used to lessen friction and for this purpose it is dusted into gloves and shoes and blown into conduits to ease the introduction of electric wires or other conductors. One of its widest applications is in tollet powders, most of which are made from high grade tale imported from Europe.

Laundry tubs, griddles, foot warmers, and many other similar utensils are manufactured from sospesione. The higher grades of massive tale free from flaws are sawed up to make pencils or crayons, French chalk, gas tips, and other special articles.

The past of Indiana, a long willinge, Hearing that the Rev. Mr. Goodwin was to preach the Rev. Mr. Goodwin the twenty miles distinct the Rev. Mr. Goodwin was to preach the Rev. Mr. Goodwin was to preach the Rev. Mr. Goodwin was to pre

On the Conductor.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler was talking in the saloon of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. about American honeaty. "For all our muckraking writers," he said, "I think that the American people are the most honest people in the world. Is an American ever subjected at home to the petry cheats and extortions to which he is subjected in Europe?" Then, apropos of foreign honesty, Dr. Butler told a railroad story.

"On a foreign railroad." he said, "a commuter had a row with the conductor, At the end of the row the commuter turned to a friend and said. "Well, the P. D. Q. will never see another cent of my money after this." "The conductor, who was departing, looked back and snarled: "What'll you do? Walk?"

"Oh, no,' said the commuter. I'll stop buying tickets and pay my fare "Oh, no, said the commuter. I'll stop buying tickets and pay my fare

### Story of Faith.

Everett J. Lake, former lieutenant governor of Connecticut, tells a story on himself, as follows:

"As you know, I am a member of that gorgeous organization, the governors' foot guards. At the inauguration of the late Governor Lilley the foot guards, of course, were in the big parade, which in its route had to pass my home. As we approached the house I noticed my wife and son on the porch, with eyes open for papa. To impress the boy with his father's importance, my chest went out a few inches more than usual, so that he might have a good view of the numerous medals and decorations resting on my massive front. I certainly thought I was the real thing in that parade until I heard my boy say to his mother: "Oh, ma! Look how nice they all are, but everybody's out of step but father:"—Kansas City Journal. governor of Connecticut, tells a story or

### All the Difference. They're clean daft," said a York-

shire collier, as he stood watching a wedding party leaving the church opposite. "Fancy chuckin' ali that confetti abart. It's a crool shame I calls But why answered an interested looker-on: 'it seems to me a cheap and harmless way of showing friendly feelharmless way of showing friendly feeling."

'Cheap, mebbe, but not harmless," said the collier, gloomily. "Before confetti wer invented there used to be enough rice chucked abart here to satisfy the appetites of all my pidgins; but now they're pinin' away an' Ah'm thinkin' o' makin' 'em inter ries, an' startin' to keep ostriches, which can eat owt—even bits o' colored paper—an' thrive on it!"—Ideas.

### Had None to Clean.

"Madam, can I sell you a tacuum "No sir; we haven't got any vacuums in this house that need cleaning."—Chicago Tribune.

# Mrs. French Vanderbilt to Be Guest of Mrs. Reynolds Hitt.

Mrs. French Vanderbilt, of New York, will arrive in Washington shortly after the New Year for a few days' visit to Mrs, Reynolds Hitt, wife of the American minister to Guatemaia, who is spending a few weeks in Washington with Mrs. R. R. Hitt at her residence on Dupont Circle.

Sunday evening, January 7, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter will entertain at dinner for Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Hitt. Mrs. Hitt will sail from New York, January 38, to join Mr. Hitt in Guatemala.

### Octagon Club Gives Brilliant Dance.

The ball room at Rauscher's was the scene last evening of a brilliant dance given by the members of the Octagon Club in celebration of the tenth anni-

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# WOMEN NOW BUY "HAND ME DOWNS" JUST LIKE THE MEN

Wear Clothes Is Big Business.

ncreased cost of living from experience than from the present talk about it, remembers when his wife used to say: "It's very easy for you to buy clothes. You can get a good ready-made suit want a suit I have to go to a dressmaker four or five times and pay from \$60 up for about the same quality of

maker four or five times and pay from \$50 up for about the same quality of work and material."

But those days are past. Everything ready-made for women is now manufactured, and for the making of full cloth suits for women, to sell down as low as corresponding suits for men, there are now factories all over the country, several of them, with an immense output, being located in this city. This business in its total volume is probably as great as the business of ready made suits for men, and it is as fully specialized and as completely orsanized.

Wherein it differs from the manufacture of men's suits is in the more rapid and more complete changes in the fashion of the garments.

Of course, the newest shapes for men's coats and trousers are made to be sold as soon as the particular shape "comes in," and the old, unsold stock Blum, which becomes unfashionable is shipped out to the backwoods and to the frontiers of fashion, where they are at prices not so much reduced as one might suppose.

The same process is carried out in the matter of women's suits, except that the movements must be more frequent, at prices not so much reduced as one might suppose.

The same process is carried out in the matter of women's suits, except that the movements must be more frequent and more violent changes in women's fashions.

This is a condition which accounts for the recent outery of the cloth manufacturers concerning the hobble skirt. The change from the wide skirt that prevailed before was so sudden and so for a time at least, the cloth maker had to reduce his output.

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Every women's suits, like that of men, is not once, and, though the cutting of at once, and, though the cutting of women's suits, like that of men, is not once, and, though the cutting of at once, and, though the cutting of women's suits, like that of men, is not once, and, though the cutting of at once, and, though the cutting of the private dressmakers had quite got the private dressmakers had quite got the curves and hang of the new ga

Frank, Lawrence Strasburger, Emanuel Haas, Sylvan Gresner, Morris Simon, Herbert Rich, Eugene Young, Milton King, Leroy King, Ivy Pelzman, Al-bert Steinem, and Morris Eiseman.

# BALLOONS REMAIN POPULAR DESPITE FLYING MACHINES

Making of Their Ready-to- Number of Private Owners Constantly on Increase. The Expense,

> found increasing favor in this country Europe, but in the United States there are now fifty or sixty owners of balloons who own from one to three balloons aplece. The number of owners is increasing despite the vastly increasing popularity of the heavier than air flying

> Any man who can afford an automo bile can afford a balloon. You can buy a one-man balloon made of linen and silk, with basket, net and equipment

a one-man balloon made of linen and silk, with basket, net and equipment of every sort complete, for \$300. Such a balloon may weigh 129 pounds, and deflated occupies a space of about 15x 20x20 inches; it can be put in a trunk, though commonly it is packed for transportation in the basket. A three-passenger balloon can be bought for 3500. Balloons may be had of any dimensions up to outfits intended to carry fifty persons, but the balloons commonly sold range from the one-man carrier up to those designed for eight or ten. Prices depend on the sizes of the balloons and the materials of which they are made. A double walled balloon of rubberized cloth designed to carry eight or ten persons, and with all its equipment complete, cost about \$5,000.

Balloons can be rented by men holding pilot's licenses issued by the Aero Club of America.

You can't walk into a balloon manufacturer's establishment and find new balloons of all sizes in stock. Balloons are made only to order. But there are now so many men engaged in the ballooning sport and so many balloons in the ballooning sport and so many balloons is interest and experience increase he buys a bigger one, and if he wants to he can turn in the old one as part payment for the new one. One can buy second hand balloons with all equipment complete at prices ranging from \$275 up to \$400 for two passenger outfits and up to \$700 for an eight passenger balloon. Worn out balloons are likely to be torn up and given away to truckmen for truck and horse covers.—New York Sun.

### Bryan's Income.

Philadelphia Record.

Persistence.

'I attribute my success in great part to my persistency,' said Charles M. Schwab, in an address in Loretto. "I've been all my life pretty nearly as persistent as the Loretto barber.

'Once,' this barber said to me, 'I shaved a man.'

'Yes,' said I.

'And after ward,'' he continued, 'I prevailed on the fellow to have a haircut, a shampoo, a singe, a friction, a face massage, an electric scalp rejuvenation, a dandruff cure spray, and a tonic rub.'

'And after that,' said I.

'After that,' said the barber, 'he needed another shave.' "—Exchange.

Bryan's income.

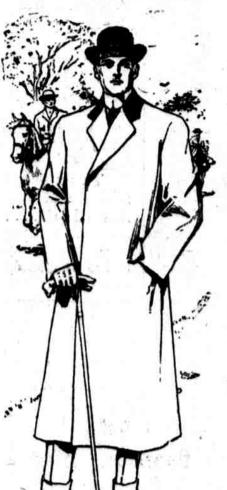
'What's the chief source of your income?'' a reporter asked Mr. Bryan he was in Kansas recently. "My lectures and the Commoner, the weekly paper I own," said he. "The most I ever took in for a lecture was at Wichita, where the contract was that I should have a certain percentage of the gate receipts. My part was about \$1,509. Generally, however, I get from \$200 to my speaking and lecturing is done free. The political speaking I have always paid my own expenses. Charity lectures are numerous and those for patriotic purposes. Counting political speaches, lectures for charity for libraries, for patriotic purposes and the like, more than one-third of my addresses are made without price."—Kansas City Journal.

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This has been the most successful season of our entire career in our Men's Clothing business, and, of course, we were compelled to have greater variety to meet the increased wants-this means greater variety and better assortments in this sale.

Most all these garments were made for us by Hart Schaffner & Marx-and they are just as good as they were at first. This is not the point, however; what is important to us is their disposal, and we believe these price inducements will insure a complete clearance.

All the correct styles in models and cloths are represented, and in all sizes for men and young men, including those for the exceptionally proportioned men-extra tall and extra stout.

> Lot 1—Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$23.75 each. Worth up to \$35.00.

> Lot 2-Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$19.75 each. Worth up to \$25.00.

> Lot 3-Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$14.75 each. Worth up to \$20.00.

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to the desirableness, service, appearance or comfort of the hat.

There is variety enough in the models to meet every man's preferences.